

# The Loved Artist.

RS. Carnegie's last words had been: "For heaven's sake, Letitia, don't let it be late again today!" It was luncheon, and luncheon to men who have spent the morning on the moors is important. At 12:15, therefore, just fifteen minutes before it was necessary to start, the wagonette was, by Mrs. Carnegie's orders, at the door, the baskets on it, and Mrs. Carnegie in the breakfast room, worrying her sister, Mrs. Mainwaring, by assurances that the girls would make them late, as usual. "Dolly was ready half an hour ago," said Mrs. Mainwaring. "I saw her in the hall."

"Dolly is not going with us. Don't distress yourself about Dolly; she is quite happy."

"How does she make herself so?"

"Oh, I don't know. We are going to be so late! She sketches, she does all kinds of things. I don't think she milks the cows, but she certainly feeds the chickens."

"You ought to know a great deal more about her than you do. There is such a thing as getting tired of gardening and feeding the chickens."

"Yes, I know, but that hasn't happened to Dolly yet, and you see going out is so much more important to the other girls. Just think, Evie is twenty-six and Agnes only a year younger."

"But Dolly is twenty-one."

"My dear, you worry me. I must do my duty to the two eldest—but I wish they would come."

"And while you are worrying them Dolly will marry herself, and probably not to your liking. In a fairy tale she would fall in love with the gardener, who would, of course, be the king's son in the ample and effectual disguise of a shabby coat and cap."

"Oh, Cecilia! Dolly is not a girl of that kind. She is as good as gold, and perfectly reliable, and she shall go everywhere when Evie gets engaged. Has it struck you that Sir Philip is in



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love with Evie? I am almost certain that he is, and I am delighted. Oh, here the girls come. How charming they both look!"

"And what have you been doing this afternoon, Dolly?" asked Mrs. Mainwaring at tea-time.

Dolly blushed (her aunt thought because it was so unusual for any one to take any interest in her employments), and said: "Sketching in the garden, aunt."

"And you had a dull little luncheon all alone by yourself in that great dining room?"

"No, I was working so hard that I could not spare time to come in. I ate all the bread I had taken with me to rub out with. I wish you would come to the garden, aunt; it is so pretty."

"Dear child, I am much too old to scramble. May I see your sketch?"

Dolly brought it. Her mother looked at it, too, and was startled at its merit.

"Why, Dolly!" she exclaimed, "you have improved wonderfully! That bit in the left-hand corner is excellent."

Again Dolly colored. "I had some help there, mother," she said, "an artist who comes to the garden sometimes."

"An artist, Dolly! What do you mean?"

"I mean a gentleman, mother. He stayed in by accident three weeks ago, when I was there painting. He has often been to work there since, and whenever he comes he gives me really beautiful hints. He has taught me."

Here her mother's attention was distracted by a servant with a message, and Mrs. Mainwaring finished Dolly's sentence for her. "To color, my dear. Yes, I see that he has taught you to do that." She was not, however, looking at the sketch, but at her niece's rosy cheeks.

"Take care that he is not teaching her how to fall in love," said Mrs. Mainwaring.

"I will—I really will. Just now it is hard to attend to anything but Evie and Sir Philip, but when the business is settled Dolly shall always be with me. Did you see how he watched Evie at luncheon?"

"No, I thought he was rather vexed or disappointed about something."

"I hope not. Evie may perhaps have been making some of her stupid speeches. But he loves her, I am sure. I am so happy about it that I am not able to think of anything else."

From Dolly she learned that the landscape painter's name was Fleming, that he was young, good-looking and clever, lived in Edinburgh, was quite a gentleman and not at all the kind of man that Aunt Cecilia seemed to imagine.

Being informed that Dolly had been forbidden to go there, Mrs. Mainwaring advised her sister to assure herself that Dolly had understood and was obeying this order. This Mrs. Carnegie did, and then once more gave her whole mind to Sir Philip and Evie. Why did he not propose? The day of his departure was drawing very near.

It came two days earlier than had been anticipated. A rich old bachelor uncle of Sir Philip, who was then in

Sutherlandshire, dispatched this telegram to him.

"Am ill and must have rest. Come at once and help me or I shall die outright. Why are you so long in arriving?"

Ten minutes after the telegram came Sir Philip followed Mr. Carnegie to the study—a study in which no book was ever opened but that which he had gone to fetch—Bradshaw. Mrs. Carnegie thought she knew what Sir Philip had gone to do and tried to be patient while she waited the result.

In a quarter of an hour her husband came and said: "My dear, I have had a great surprise—a very great surprise—it almost amounted to a shock."

"What nonsense, Charles! You must have known what was coming."

"Why should I? You didn't."

"Indeed, I did. I have known for ten days that Sir Philip wanted to marry Evie."

"But he doesn't—it is Dolly."

Even if Sir Philip did happen to be in love with the young daughter he was still Sir Philip; so after Mrs. Carnegie was sufficiently recovered to fit a new heroine into the romance in which she was so much interested she sent out emissaries in search of Dolly.

No one could find her, until at last an under-gardener, being much pressed by Mrs. Carnegie herself, said, with evident reluctance, that Miss Dolly might perhaps, he thought, be painting in Ladywell wood.

To reach this wood a cornfield had to be traversed, and just as Mrs. Carnegie was half across it she saw Dolly in the distance, bidding farewell to a gentleman with a sketching-bag on his back. The unhappy lady stopped short in horror.

"Dolly," she exclaimed, "this is shameful! I have been trusting you all this time, and you, it seems, have been breaking your word?"

"Oh, no, I have not. I have never seen Mr. Fleming until this morning. Don't look that way, mother; I am speaking the truth. I was on my way to tell you all about it."

"Tell me nothing of that kind! I want to know nothing."

"But you must know, mother—you will be forced to know. Mr. Fleming has asked me to marry him and I have said I will."

"You have! Well, girls do stupid things sometimes; but the sooner you undo this the better!"

"Mother," Dolly began, but her voice failed her.

"Make no appeal to me, Dolly. I am sorry for you, of course, if you care; but you won't care long. Be a good girl and do your best to dismiss this from your mind at once and forever, and go to your room now and write and tell that man that you intend to do so."

"Where is Dolly?" asked Mr. Carnegie when he and Sir Philip came.

"She was here a few minutes ago, but she has been sketching in the sun, and it has been too much for her. She had to go to bed with a frightfully bad headache."

"Then I shall not see her unless I stay till to-morrow," said Sir Philip, after expressing much sympathy.

"Oh, you must not do that—you must not offend your uncle; besides, Dolly may not be well enough to see you to-morrow."

Sir Philip departed and Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie repaired to the study to write to Mr. Fleming.

Their daughter, they said, might have been temporarily led away by persuasion, but now saw, as any one with any judgment must see, that a marriage with him was out of the question. They inclosed a letter from her which would inform him of the true state of her feelings, and trusted that he would see the propriety of leaving the neighborhood at once.

"But can you get her to write that letter?" asked Mr. Carnegie.

"Oh, yes," replied his wife, and went to Dolly's room, which she did not leave until she had succeeded.

He wrote to her but his letter was returned by Mr. Carnegie unopened.

Fleming became desperate, and being powerless in other ways, called the wisdom of the serpent to his aid and wrote: "I find it so hard to believe that your daughter's mind can have changed so suddenly that I treat you to let me see her alone for ten minutes. If you permit this, and she then speaks as she has written, I give you my word of honor as a gentleman to accept her decision as final and to leave this place at once."

With great reluctance Mr. Carnegie replied: "Since you refuse to believe the truth and insist on giving my daughter this pain, you may come to-morrow at 12, when she herself will tell you what her wish is. You may see her for ten minutes, but her family will be present."

All eyes were fixed on Dolly as she came in, looking pale, ill, and scarcely able to stand. No one spoke—all waited to hear the words that were about to be said. How would that faltering, frightened girl get through her set speech?

"Charles!" whispered Mrs. Carnegie. "We have been fools to let him see her! Who?"

"Do be quiet, my love," said Mr. Carnegie. "It can't be helped now." But he was sitting, watch in hand, longing as much as she did for the ten minutes to come to an end. Fleming was talking so seriously and Dolly listened so intently.

"Time is up!" Mr. Carnegie exclaimed, almost joyously, as he put his watch in his pocket. Then he half crossed the room and said: "Dolly, have you told this gentleman by word of mouth what he refused to believe when you wrote it?"

"She has told me all I want to know," said Fleming. "Thank you sincerely for allowing me to see her. Thank you also for insisting on being in the room with us, for I have something to say which requires the presence of witnesses. Before those here assembled I declare this woman to be my wife. Now, Dolly, speak!"

And before any of the unwilling witnesses had recovered from the shock of hearing these words Dolly had faltered forth: "I declare this man to be my husband."

"What does this mean?" cried Mr. Carnegie, who knew something of Scotch law.

"It means that we are married. Don't be anxious about your daughter's future. I am not a lord of Burleigh, but her home will be one in which we can receive you if you will come."

## GENERAL NEWS

### Carefully Selected News of Current Events.

The public funeral of Gounod, the composer, has been postponed until Friday.

The Kingman county Sunday School association will hold a half dozen meetings in the county this week.

Charley Coghlan, the actor, was married Wednesday night to Kuehne Beveridge, actress and sculptress, also a member of the company.

The appeal bond in the William Newby-Daniel Benton case, wherein pension fraud charges were to be refuted, arrived at Springfield, Ill., Saturday, one day too late to be of use.

The first annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Railway Surgeons convened at St. Louis Thursday morning for a two days session with nearly 300 delegates in attendance.

At the City of Mexico the banking house of Pedro Martina & Sons, established thirty years ago, failed Thursday for \$1,000,000. It had been the Mexican correspondent of the Barings.

Superintendent Stump, of the bureau of immigration, has gone to Chicago to settle the questions apt to arise there on the occasion of the numerous foreigners leaving the grounds.

The three men killed in the wreck on the Pennsylvania road near Lawrence station, N. J., have as yet not been identified. It was one of the worst wrecks that ever occurred on that line.

It is now generally believed that Stene has confessed to the truth in his last statement concerning the Wrattan murder, and that his mind is affected by the horrible work he perpetrated.

Three hundred miners at the mines of the Union Coal company, at Lafayette, La., are out of a strike. The trouble grew out of a manner in which the company pays the men.

After a stormy passage of 186 days the ship Undaunted has arrived at Philadelphia, after a voyage around Cape Horn and for days could make no headway.

The presentation of a handsome silver service to the cruiser New York took place Thursday in the New York navy yard. It is the gift of the citizens of New York and was raised by subscription.

Although a general strike had been ordered on all street car lines at St. Paul, Minn., for Saturday morning, four out of the twelve lines were running in St. Paul and all of them in Minneapolis.

Albert S. Willis, United States minister to Hawaii, is in "Frisco" on his way to Honolulu. He has definite instructions and says the policy of this country will be announced by the time he reaches his destination.

Governor McKinney, of Virginia, has refused to give Doc Taylor, the preacher murderer, a reprieve, or to commute his sentence. He was hanged at Wise court house Friday, preaching his own funeral on the scaffold.

The remains of Gounod were removed Thursday from the house at St. Cloud where he breathed his last. The body was taken to the Gounod residence in Paris, where it now lies in state in the great composer's study.

The interstate commerce commission Thursday in an opinion by Commissioner Knapp announced its decision of the case of Phelps & Co. against the Texas & Pacific railroad company in favor of the complainants.

New York society has heard that when Mrs. Baldwin, formerly Mrs. Edward Parker Deacon, on whose account her husband shot her lover in a "duel," returns to Europe it will be to marry a Frenchman of title and ancient lineage.

The Westminster Gazette contradicts the report that Herbert Spencer is dangerously ill, and says that he is at his home in London, and though in a feeble state of health, his condition does not warrant the alarming rumors circulated concerning him.

William Gibson and Paul Hutchinson were arrested at Salt Lake City Friday for a safe-cracking job committed in Grand Island, Neb., last Sunday. They are believed to be experts wanted in a dozen cities for similar jobs.

At Brunswick, Ga., there were officially reported Friday thirty-one new cases of yellow fever and one death. Unless the backbone of the weather that has prevailed for six days past soon changes the result is expected to be bad.

Mr. Sayers, of Texas, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, says that he presumes that he will earn the title of the meanest man in congress because he intends to insist on rigid economy in all expenditures.

The Illinois supreme court Thursday reversed the decision of the lower court in the case of the people against the Braceville Coal Company, and declared the weekly pay law passed by the Illinois legislature unconstitutional.

The senate committee on foreign relations met Thursday morning to consider the Chinese question, with a view to action upon the house bill amending the Geary law so as to extend for six months the time in which Chinese laborers can register.

Lindburg has not an empty dwelling house.

The Presbyterian synod of Iowa has sustained the action of the Des Moines Presbytery in deposing Rev. G. W. Baxter, who until recently, had charge of the church at Knoxville. After two weeks' trial he was convicted of immorality.

Masts sticking up thirty-five feet above the water led to the discovery that a large vessel was sunk in thirteen fathoms about twenty-three miles from Cleveland, O., in Lake Erie. It is thought to be the River-side, with seven people aboard.

### Isolation of Consumptives.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—United States Consul Courtney Hixon at Pootung, China, observing the decrease of consumption through the Amick treatment is supplying the American colony as well as the Chinese with the free medicines obtained from the generous Cincinnati discoverer. No governmental action will be taken towards isolating consumptives until the regular session.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—The sanitary authorities aroused by recent editorials on the Amick cure and the infectiousness of the disease, are debating how best to isolate consumptives. The Post says: "Consumption is placed by Michigan in the same category as smallpox and it will be similarly quarantined. Let Illinois fall in line at once."

DENVER, Oct. 30.—The proposed state legislation isolating both resident consumptives and those coming here has led to the incorporation of institutions for their care. The Denver Sanitarium company opened their last week to the patients of all physicians, and combines isolation with the Amick treatment, which each consumptive is given opportunity of testing with medicines furnished these physicians by the Cincinnati doctor without cost. The Boston company for the colonization in Colorado of isolated consumptives has applied to the state land commissioner for two sections of land, which will give out of doors occupation.

Lord Mayor Shanks, of Dublin, sailed from New York Saturday for the old country.

German army officials are taking steps to stop usury and gambling in the army.

Russia's czar has ordered large increases to be made in the Baltic and Black sea fleets.

Eastern Dakota reports one or more inches of snow and a bad storm of hail prevailing.

A jury has been appointed in Philadelphia to assess property there for the site of a mint.

The whisky trust announces an advance of 1 cent in the price of its widely used commodity.

Moors at Melilla Saturday fired on the Spanish troops and drove them from their position.

Brazilian parties have bought the El Rio, sister ship to the El Cid, purchased this week in New York.

Professor Brooks, at Geneva, N. Y., says his comet is growing brighter and has two tails. Its speed is increasing.

The annual reunion of the Twenty-first Illinois, General Grant's old regiment, was held at Mattoon, Ill., Saturday.

Canadian papers object to allowing United States officials the right to inspect immigrants to this country from there.

At Philadelphia Saturday the United States circuit court adjourned in honor of the memory of ex-Judge McKenna.

F. H. Weeks, the alleged embezzler wanted in New York, sailed from San Jose Friday, in company with his wife and two detectives.

Henry Bozier, aged 18, at Paris, Mo., Friday night, cut with a razor the throat of Dean Jewell, about the same age. Bozier is in jail.

Consuls for ports in Russia, Africa and Spain were nominated Saturday. T. P. Smith, of the Indian Territory, was appointed Indian inspector.

Policemen in Boston tried to arrest a drunken Italian and caused a riot Saturday in which five men were seriously wounded and thirty-five injured.

The son of a landed proprietor named Bredel was murdered at Zippnow, Germany, by two stable men whom he scolded for not feeding his father's horses.

The rear coach of an accommodation train near Kenton, O., was wrecked Friday evening by an engine and caboose running into it. Three ladies were injured.

At Kenova, Ky., Saturday night, James Murray, a baggage man, shot and mortally wounded Harry Smith. Murray escaped. The cause of the quarrel is unknown.

Quite a number of American fishermen are reported to be operating off the Canadian coast. Protection officers of the Canadian government will wait there until the last one has gone home.

At Southampton an American named Windell, accompanied by his wife and son, was Thursday taken into custody at the request of United States Minister Bayard, and is said to be wanted in New York charged with a heavy defalcation.

Cassius H. Reed of New York, twelve years ago owned the Hoffman house and real estate bringing his wealth up to about \$1,000,000. Now he is said to be penniless. His home at Far Rockaway was sold October 13 under foreclosure.

George Meyer, a New York carriage maker has disappeared, and Harry Meyer, his partner, made an assignment for the firm Monday. The affairs are in a very confused state, and the sheriff has received attachments for \$9,400.

At Kokomo, Ind., Buck Harland and Steve Finelbort were arrested by United States Marshal Haskins Thursday for counterfeiting. Harland is said to have made some of the best counterfeiters in this country. Lew Harlan, a brother of Buck, made his escape.

Mon. Calabiana, archbishop of Milan, died there Monday.

Commodore George W. Melville, engineer-in-chief of the United States, makes in his annual report, a strong recommendation for the conferring of positive rank on members of the engineer corps, instead of "relative rank," now held.

Seven people were injured in a collision of an electric car and a street railway car in Chicago Monday morning. One woman sustained a fracture of the skull and arm. All but L. L. Wallace of Chicago, Ill., were Chicagoans.

## THE TWO TERRITORIES

### Condensed News of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory.

Perry claims to be underlaid with coal.

E. J. Daniels has been appointed treasurer of O county.

Payne county is the only one in Oklahoma that has a "public printer."

The Times says the cattle near Okarche have the Texas fever and a number have died.

It is rumored that the land office at Beaver is to be consolidated with the one at Woodward.

Jack Stillwell, El Reno's police judge, is in Chicago, the guest of his friend, Buffalo Bill.

Enid has been declared a city of the first class, and an election of officers has been called for Nov. 2.

The Arapahoe Argus says that strip boomers are filing on claims in O county at the rate of fifty per day.

Judge Burford of the Third judicial district was the seventh man to put his homestead papers on file at Enid.

They are boring for gas at Kildare. That is not necessary when there is so much surface gas all over the strip.

There are but few places in O county, says the Scout, where good wells cannot be secured at a reasonable depth.

John E. Dille, ex-register of the Guthrie land office, has a claim on the southwest quarter of 30-23-6, and adjoints the townsite of Enid.

A new town has been started on the survey of the Hutchinson & Southern railway, fourteen miles northwest of Ponca Creek. It has been named Waketa.

The Enid Eagle advises the citizens of that city to keep barrels of water near their houses to be used in case of fire. They will also be used instead of firewater.

In the case of the territory of Oklahoma, J. R. Clark plaintiff, vs. J. E. Keen, defendant, the supreme court failed to sustain his mandamus on technical points of law.

The Logan county board of commissioners of insanity met Tuesday in the county court room and a judge J. S. Fox insane and ordered him sent to Jacksonville.

Caleb C. Brown, of Kentucky, has been appointed assistant United States district attorney, vice John Stone. This makes it almost certain that Horace Speed will serve out his time.

Clayton Farmer (colored), who murdered another colored man at Kingfisher about a year and a half ago, in a quarrel over 75 cents, was sentenced Monday, to a life term in the penitentiary.

Frank Ewing, while hunting on the Cimarron, shot an enormous pelican, which measured eight feet from tip to tip. It is by far the largest bird of this kind ever brought to Guthrie. He killed it with a load of bird shot.

Kingfisher Free Press: Joseph Bradon of Cooper township was in the city Tuesday. He is an enterprising farmer. He has probably the finest fish pond in the territory. It is a horseshoe in form, about one hundred feet wide and eighty rods long, well stocked with salmon and channel catfish.

At the "Indian pipe dance" on Camp creek last week there were more than eighty ponies given away to the dancers. Many attended and enjoyed the sport very much, even if the performers were in rather nude condition. We presume many of the spectators had visited the art exhibits at Chicago.

Attorney General Olney has instructed one of his clerks to bundle up the charges filed against United States Attorney Speed and send them to him. This is an unusual proceeding. It is very seldom that a cabinet officer sends matter of this sort to the man whose place is desired by the other fellows.

The drone never thrives in the bee hive; neither can the indolent, good-for-nothing thrive here. Close attention to business or vocation courts and merits respect and patronage, but the lazy, careless and doleful receive only contempt from their industrious neighbors. If you are a hustler this is the country for you; otherwise you will find it "mighty poor pickin'."

There are nearly 1,000,000 acres of school land in the strip and adjoining reservations recently opened to settlement. Governor Renfrow is daily receiving hundreds of letters from parties all over the west and southwest inquiring about these lands, whether they are for sale, how to settle on them, etc., and for the information of the public the governor states that the school lands are not for sale and will not be until after the territory becomes a state. At present they can only be leased, and as soon as he receives his instructions from the secretary of the interior (within a few weeks at the farthest) he will advertise for bids for said lands on a certain given date, all leases to be for three years. Payments may be made in cash or by notes of approved security, and all business connected with leasing must be transacted with the governor at Guthrie. No priority will be gained by any person settling on any of the school lands before the time of leasing, and no provisions have yet been made whereby a settler can secure a second lease at the expiration of three years; but no doubt congress will make some just and equitable rule protecting both the settler and the school fund.

Chandler News: The Guthrie News had better study the geography of Oklahoma. It says that the Kickapoo lands join Oklahoma on the east. The Kickapoo lies almost wholly within Lincoln county, with corners in Pottawatomie and Oklahoma counties.

It is too bad that the strip was opened up just at its worst condition. While the summer had had plenty of rain and large crops were raised within its latitude, just at that time it was dry. Now after rain, it looks again different. The grass along the valleys has started again and the country looks green.

Perry has been made a city of the first class.

Mrs. Clara Benjamin Newman, wife of Prof. A. E. Newman, superintendent of Blaine county, breathed her last Wednesday, Oct. 11, 1893, at her home in Watonga.

Okarche is but little over one year old and has two school houses. But few towns, says the Times, in so short a time have acquired such a school population.

The agricultural and mechanical college building at Stillwater will be ready for occupancy about December 1st. It will be a grand structure, a credit to Stillwater and Oklahoma.

At Georgetown, Ky., a shooting occurred between Policeman George James and Loyd Cole of that town, in which the former was killed and the other dangerously wounded.

Owen Pleasant and Millard Wellman, colored barbers, quarreled at Guyandotte, W. Va., Sunday, over \$1, when Pleasant shot and instantly killed Wellman. The murderer was arrested.

The murder of settlers by insurgent bands in the province of Santa Fe, Buenos Ayres, continues, and in consequence a state of terror exists. Many of the colonists are leaving the province.

Saturday night about 12 o'clock, Henry H. Hood, a bottlemaker, shot and killed his brother-in-law, W. A. Smith, at Lake View, Ala. Shortly thereafter Hood applied at the jail to give himself up.

Mayor W. H. Eustis, of Minneapolis, while driving to his farm on the outskirts of the city Sunday afternoon, was thrown from his buggy and seriously injured. The horse took fright at a gypsy camp and ran away.

The ferryboat Bellevue, exploded one of her boilers while lying at the wharf, foot of Ludlow street, Cincinnati, Sunday. Five men and one woman on board were blown into the water or stunned by the explosion. Rube Burrows, the fireman, was dangerously scalped.

John Bailey, living about four miles west of Guthrie, broke a leg Saturday while fixing the well on his farm. By some means he twisted his foot and fell into the well and was extricated with some difficulty. The leg is broken just below the knee.

A clothier has excited public curiosity at Oklahoma city by having a large apple painted outside of his shop. When asked for an explanation he replied: "If it hadn't been for the apple, where would the ready made clothing shops be to-day?"

Times-Journal: Judge Scott and Miss Adah Curran came up from Norman yesterday. The Judge has closed the term at Norman. He disposed of 124 cases in nine and a half days session and continued only eleven. It is a good record, and if kept up will clear the dockets of every county in the district.

The interior department has been notified that men are standing in line at the Cherokee land offices clamoring for places in order to make their filings. It has been reported that men have paid as much as \$50 for places, and that some men have made much money by selling their places to homesteaders. There is no occasion whatever for this rush, as the homesteaders have ninety days in which to file, and could go ahead improving their claims without wasting their time about the land office.

A man from the Osage nation left the following at the State Capital office. A Mrs. Plumber of the Osage nation, a white woman, has married her four daughters to full blood Indians, and has sued her husband for a divorce so as to make the deal complete by marrying among the Osages herself. A warrant was served on one of her sons-in-law on the 12th inst, when his wife wanted to know how long her darling would be kept away, and kissed him as passionately as though he was her only joy, Next.

In the annual report of the condition of the affairs of the Indians under his supervision, Agent Moore of the Quapaw agency, gives some interesting information. As a rule, he says, all of the eight tribes of the agency are desirous of taking land in severalty, and to be admitted to citizenship with the granting of statehood to Oklahoma. The Quapaws, themselves, have made allotments to their own members, with only two dissenters, and they, with the Miamas and Peorias, are anxious to make a division of the surplus lands and sell same and make a final settlement with the government. The Senecas and the Shawnees of the agency are mainly desirous of the same advancement to independent citizenship.

Bridge Foreman McCann gives some interesting facts concerning the repairing of the Rock Island bridge across the South Canadian river. The engine was sent over it at 9 o'clock Wednesday night, but the bridge will not be completed entirely for about forty days. Its whole length is 2,758 feet, or a little over a half a mile in length. The extent of the washout was 1,152 feet. The rebuilding of this was not only exciting but dangerous, on account of the quicksands. Sometimes several teams would be under at once, and it took a small army of men to watch the horses' attention when out when they began to sink. The quicksands are very heavy in this river, and in a pool of water there will settle three inches of quicksand. Although the banks of the river are only about three feet high, the current will wash a channel twenty-seven feet deep, and the quicksand is so strong that it will snap off heavy piles.

Mr. Wildman, living near Geary, had the misfortune to lose between three and four hundred bushels of wheat by fire last week. The stubble caught fire from the engine while threshing.

Watonga Republican: A party of Choctaw railway officials were out this way a few days ago, looking with a view to extending their road west from Ft. Reno. Captain R. E. Goe, a practical railroad engineer, says the best of grade and culverts up the bottom this far would not exceed \$300 a mile. Let her come. We will load her down with wheat and corn next fall.